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Woods named Presiding Judge of Denver Juvenile Court

DENVER – Colorado Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael L. Bender has appointed the Honorable Brett Woods as the new presiding judge for the Denver Juvenile Court. Woods replaces Judge Karen Ashby, who was appointed to the bench in 1998 and served as presiding judge since 1999. Ashby was recently appointed to the Colorado Court of Appeals.

“I would like to thank Judge Ashby for her many years of service to the Denver Juvenile Court,” Chief Justice Bender said. “I am pleased to appoint Judge Woods to this new role. I am confident he will continue to make a positive impact on the Denver Juvenile Court as he has since his appointment in 2007.”

Prior to being appointed to the Denver Juvenile Court, Woods served as a relief judge in the Aurora Municipal Court in 2006, and as a magistrate in Denver County Court since 2001. He was also an assistant city attorney in Denver, associate at Holme, Roberts & Owen, and law clerk in the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Woods has a degree in journalism from the University of Kansas and received his law degree from the University of Denver College of Law in 1990.

As presiding judge, Woods will serve as the administrative head of the Denver Juvenile Court. He will be responsible for appointing the chief probation officer and clerks of the court; assisting in the personnel, financial and case-management duties; and seeing that the business of the court is conducted efficiently and effectively. Other responsibilities include judicial assignments within the court.

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